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FOR SALE—11 Barred Rock hens, 2 Barred Rock roosters, and some household goods. J. F. Arbuckle, 3033 Sun street. F-16-1tpd

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FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—A 250 egg incubator, at 2939 Miller st., Lomita. 2-16-1t

FOR SALE—A span of mules and harness. Call 177 R-1, Wilmington. 2-16-1tpd

FOR SALE—Income property. Address owner, Lock Box No. 834, Torrance. 2-16-1tpd

FOR SALE—Coat and two kids. 2433 251st st., Harbor City. M. E. De Graaf. F-16-1tpd

FOR SALE—50 fine breeding does. 5 bucks. Thoroughbred Bell and Flemish Giants. George A. Gregory, 1325 Pine St., Lomita. F-9-16p

FOR SALE—A leather Davenport for \$35. Inquire at 3126 Olive St., Lomita. F-9-16-pd

FOR SALE—A light Team. Farm implements of all kinds. Cash or terms. 1531 Eschleman & Miller. F-9-2t-pd

OUR connections in Long Beach, Los Angeles and Redondo, enables us to give you quick action on your property. For results bring or mail your listing to this office. H. A. TREADWELL, Lobby El Prado Apartments. Fone 46-W. F-2-4t

FOR SALE—1 Ancona, 1 Barred Rock rooster. Pure bred stock. 2705 Beacon St. F-9-2t-pd

FOR SALE—Cabbage plants. Fitch, 1432 221st St. F-9-16-pd

FOR SALE—Get your order in now for White Leghorn hatching eggs and baby chicks; good laying strain. Carr Poultry Ranch, 1634 Narbonne av., Lomita. D-29-1t

WANTED

WANTED—Wanted, young rabbits and Poultry of all kinds. R. H. Trunnell, 1428 Oak St., Lomita. N-24-1t

WANTED—Real Estate. List your properties with the Nell Realty Company. S-29-1t

WANTED—To buy for cash, bargains in houses, building lots and acres in Torrance. Babcock & Jones, Phone 133-J, Auditorium Bldg., Torrance, Calif. J-23-1t

WANTED—Five or ten acres, located west of Normandie and south of Carson, Keystone District, Torrance. E. S. Sturdevant—Realty Broker, Gardena, Cal. Phone Gardena 1041 or 1043. F-2-3t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Set of diet on Oak st., Friday. Please return to A. M. Gamby, Moon st., Lomita. 2-16-1t

LOST—Last Friday morning on East Chestnut, between Eschleman and Narbonne, or on the 7:30 bus to San Pedro, a fountain pen. Please return to News Letter Office, Lomita. 2-16-1tpd

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN—On Lomita real estate. See L. J. Hunter. F-9-1t

VALENTINE PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. William Creighton of Redondo boulevard were the host and hostess Saturday afternoon at a Valentine party, honoring their Sunday school classes of the Methodist church.

Hearts and little red favor baskets adorned the table, and the Valentine spirit was carried out in the refreshments. Valentines were sent to each other, each child receiving its share, and indoor games were played, making the afternoon a most enjoyable one.

Members of the classes present included Margaret Marsh, Margaret Richhart, Lois Stewart, Lillian Rathbun, Ruth Anderson, Rachel Wacker, Myrtle Perkins, May Weeks, Dick Marsh, Jack Brown, John Young, Stanley Creighton, and the host and hostess.

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HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

THE MISSING MESSENGER

IT WAS on June 14, 1904, that Kent Loomis, brother of F. B. Loomis, the assistant secretary of state, sailed from New York on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II, bearing with him the text of a treaty between the United States and Abyssinia—a treaty concerning which there had been much conjecture and speculation on the part of certain European powers.

Under ordinary circumstances Loomis would have taken his wife and child with him; on this occasion, he considered it best to leave them behind in Parkersburg, W. V., both on account of the fact that he was on a diplomatic mission and because he intended to participate in some big-game hunting after delivering the treaty to King Menelik.

Nothing unusual occurred on the trip until the morning of June 20, the day on which the steamer was due to dock at Plymouth, England. It was then noted that Loomis' seat at the captain's table was empty and a steward was dispatched to find out if he were ill. A few minutes later the steward returned with the news that Loomis' berth had not been occupied and an immediate search of the ship was ordered—but without bringing to light the slightest trace of the representative of the American government.

Several passengers volunteered the information that they had seen Loomis on deck shortly after midnight and William E. Ellis, cabin-mate and traveling companion of the missing passenger, declared that his friend's absence from the cabin had not alarmed him because of the fact that Loomis had come in at a fairly late hour on several previous evenings. British officials at Plymouth and the French officers at Cherbourg repeated the search of the steamer, but in vain. Nothing was missing from the cabin save the suit which Loomis was wearing at the time and even the flat dispatch box which contained the text of the treaty was found concealed beneath a pile of clothing in one corner of Loomis' trunk. Investigation developed the fact, however, that the State department messenger had been in the habit of carrying this box in his pocket and had laid it aside on the previous evening only because it made an unseemly bulge in the dress clothes which he had donned in honor of the captain's dinner.

During the next few weeks rumors of all kinds filled the press on both sides of the Atlantic. Loomis had gone suddenly mad and had been placed in a sanatorium. He had slipped off the steamer at Plymouth disguised as a second-class passenger. He was the victim of a clique of international spies who, balked in their attempt to secure possession of the text of the treaty, were holding him for ransom. He was still confined in the hold of the Kaiser Wilhelm—and so on to the limit of the imaginations of those who like to use fact as a basis for fiction.

But all these reports were set at rest when, on the morning of July 16—just thirty-two days after Loomis had sailed from New York—a body was washed up at Warren Point, about fifteen miles from Plymouth. Believing that the body was that of a common sailor, the local police were about to inter it without further ceremony, when, from the watch-pocket of the trousers there dropped a water-soaked bit of pasteboard, upon which was barely discernible the name, "Kent J. Loomis."

Careful examination of the body developed the fact that, under the right ear, there was a circular wound which appeared to have been inflicted before death and a post-mortem examination of the lungs of the dead man showed conclusively that death had been due to the blow which had resulted in this wound, rather than to drowning. The physicians were divided in their opinion as to whether the blow had been delivered by an instrument similar to a blackjack or whether Loomis might have fallen and struck his head against a projecting portion of the ironwork on the steamer. Examination of the Kaiser Wilhelm's log showed, however, that the sea had been extremely calm on the night that Loomis came to his death and that there had not been enough roll to cause anyone to lose his footing. Besides, there was the evidence of the manner in which the body was clothed. The coat was missing, the collar had been torn partly away and there were other signs of rough treatment before Loomis had struck the water.

It was therefore practically certain that the messenger had been murdered. But who had killed him—and why? Had he been struck down on account of the money he was carrying or because of the treaty? Was his death a forecast of the World war which was to follow twelve years later?

These and all the other questions which surrounded the mystery remain as one of the unsolved riddles of diplomatic intrigue.

A Bit Skeptical.

"Who is the important looking stranger?"

"He styles himself advance guard of prosperity. He is here to address the business men of our town."

"The hotel proprietor doesn't seem to believe he's the advance guard of prosperity. He has just refused to cash the stranger's check."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

KEEPING STEP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

An interesting meeting was held in the club room of the Legion Hall last Monday evening, and plans were perfected for the Valentine dance to be given tomorrow night, Saturday, February 17.

The Auxiliary hopes that a large crowd will be present, for a good time will be had by all those who participate. The music will be furnished by the famous "Jazz Bandits," an organization of musical fiends and entertainers.

The money derived from affairs given by the Auxiliary goes to help comfort the sick and wounded who are placed in the various hospitals, and for those at present at the Compton Sanitarium, who are the direct charge of this unit.

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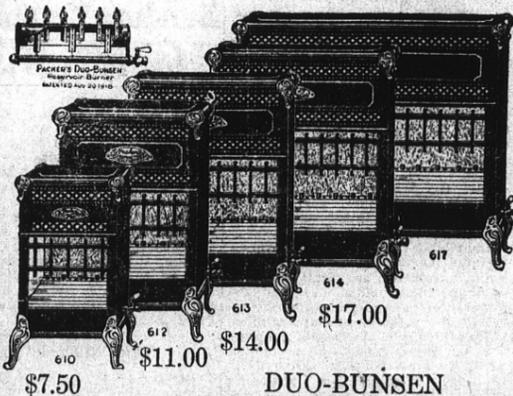
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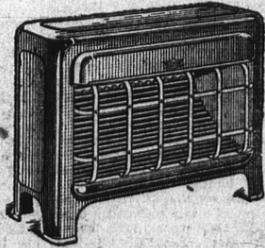
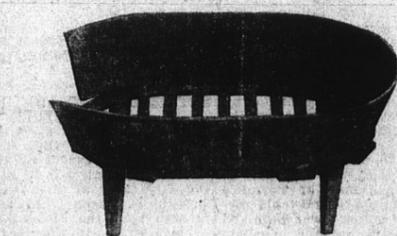
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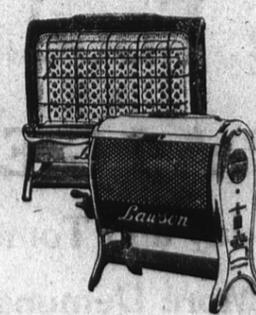
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